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**SENATOR MITCH SEABAUGH**

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Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Re: WC Docket #05-337 & CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Martin:

I understand that the FCC is considering placing a cap on the use of the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless service. I feel singling out wireless technology would be both unwise and unfair. Rural Americans deserve the same access to telecom services that are available in the rest of the country. Limiting the growth of the USF and/or unfairly targeting wireless technology in any cap would handicap rural communities' opportunity for economic growth. They would be deprived the same opportunities as their urban counterparts.

Consumers in rural parts of Georgia want and need expanded and improved wireless services; services that are beneficial for public safety, economic development, and business and personal needs. These are the benefits that Congress must have envisioned when it initially established the USF. Consumers deserve and need a competitive marketplace and a cap on these funds would narrow or prevent them from making choices.

I am aware there are growing concerns regarding controlling the USF; therefore, I respectfully request that you consider reforms that are fair and equitable to all providers, explore competitively neutral proposals to slow the USF growth, improve accountability, and above all continue producing policy for expanding and promoting telecom services in rural America.

Sincerely,

Mitch Seabaugh  
Majority Whip  
Georgia State Senate

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps, FCC  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, FCC  
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, FCC  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell, FCC